

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, March 11, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska, was held at the Elwood Village Office, 304 Calvert Avenue in Elwood on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act which is posted and available for public inspection on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine, Borden, and LaPrade. Trustee Townsend was absent. Clerk Jauken was present to take minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on February 26, 2026 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on March 2, 2026. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Borden, seconded by Kleine, to approve the February 11, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. Discussion included the number of times the large dumpster was emptied last month (2). Roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

Claims are as follows:

	Aflac	262.04	emp. pd ins.
	ATC Communications	10.95	website
	Aurora Cooperative	1,042.60	supplies
	Black Hills Energy	469.23	utilities
	Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,623.76	emp. health ins.
	Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	budget
	Corder, Kirk	169.00	cell phone 49, pesticide
class 120			
	D&R Computing Inc	50.00	tech support
	Dawson Public Power District	4,175.77	utilities
	Dreher, Robert	50.00	purchase of cemetery
plots			
	Eakes Office Plus	286.69	service agreement
	Elan Financial Services - credit card	230.75	supplies, QB payroll fee
	Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	budget
	Elwood Public School	200.00	liquor license fee income
	Great Plains Communications	179.53	dump internet, phones
	Guardian Life	20.40	emp. life ins.
	J&S Enterprises	60.00	UT deposit refund
	Johnson Service Company	9,504.50	sewer/culvert cleanout
	Microsoft Office	138.44	subscription
	MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
	NE Dept. of Revenue	358.16	sales tax
	Pinnacle Bank	802.02	HSA

Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	751.02	large dumpster fee
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,005.10	trash fee
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	200.00	bond insurance
Two Rivers Public Health	200.00	pool permit
TOTAL	40,575.29	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
ATC Communications	1.00	Feb. processing fee
EFTPS	3,116.20	Feb. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	10,035.50	Feb. net pay
Schwab - retirement fund	349.16	Feb. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	13,501.86	
TOTAL CLAIMS	54,077.15	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	337.06	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	117.55	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,254.06	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank credit card	544.18	books, postage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,476.85	

After reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Borden, seconded by Kliene, to approve said report renewing the certificates of deposit for the best rate available upon maturity. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Kleine, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

A few residents were present to discuss the possibility of paving North Smith Street and Monroe Drive with the Trustees. The Village will check with its engineering firm to get an idea of the cost and scope of work for this.

The Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) minutes were reviewed and it was noted that the public hearing for the blight study will be scheduled soon.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported that the pressure switch went out on the main well; therefore, Sargent Irrigation was notified and installed the VFDs (Variable Frequency Drive) in the wells with a transfer switch. Corder does not need to hire anyone to mow this summer. The winds have blown the conduit off of the light poles at the ball fields; Corder will contact Primary Electric for assistance to make these repairs. Connie Houlden was present on behalf of the American Legion to offer assistance for the Legion Baseball Program and patches to the players.

The Board reviewed the estimate for ball field surface material with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to purchase one truckload up to 30 tons if possible for application on the big field and some on the little field. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, LaPrade, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

The project worksheet was reviewed.

Ball sign-ups will be Monday, March 16th, and swim team sign-ups will be scheduled soon as well.

The Board reviewed pool applications with a motion by LaPrade, seconded by Borden, to hire Felicia Rademacher as the manager and seven lifeguards. The Village will continue to advertise for an assistant manager. The roll call vote was: ayes: Borden, Kleine, LaPrade, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Trustees discussed increasing the wages for the pool managers as the lifeguards will be at minimum wage, currently \$15.00 per hour. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to increase the pool manager and assistant manager wage by \$1.50 each (18.50 and 17.50 respectively) to match the minimum wage increase. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: LaPrade, Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; motion carried 4-0-1.

Bids were reviewed from lawn chemical companies. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Borden, to hire T&T Lawn Care for the ball field applications and to hire Lawn In Order for the library and office. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was ayes: Borden, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Townsend; abstain: LaPrade; motion carried 3-0-1-1.

A job description for a cemetery caretaker was reviewed as this was brought up at a previous meeting. No action was taken.

The board discussed updating the dog ordinance to include a leash law. An ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

One building permit was reviewed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer